

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND ELECTION  
Appln. No. 10/049,270

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested.

**I. The Election of Species Requirement**

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect Specie I, Figures 1-5.

Applicants submit that claims 1-11, 14-21, 23-28 and 30-35 read on the elected specie. Applicants' claims recite solder resist compositions, multilayered printed circuit boards, methods of manufacturing multilayered printed circuit boards and semiconductor devices, each of may relate to the various structures of the multilayered printed circuit boards of elected Figures 1-5.

**II. The Objection to the Drawings**

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as allegedly not showing every feature of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner request that the "IC chip" connected through the solder bump (claims 22 and 29) be shown.

Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings, as originally filed, fully comply with 37 C.F.R. §§1.81-1.84. That is, a new figure is not necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. However, to further prosecution, Applicants have amendment the instant application to add new Figure 37. Support for new Figure 37 may be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 86, lines 11-23 ((17) in Example 9) and in the claims as originally filed. Additionally, Applicants' specification, pages 12-13 has been amended to reference new Figure 37.

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For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants' drawings fully comply with 37 C.F.R. §§1.81-1.84 and it is requested that the objection to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

**III. Claims 22 and 29**

The Examiner alleges that claims 22 and 29 "are identical".

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 22 and 29 are not identical. Claim 22 recites a solder resist layer which comprises a polyolefin type resin. Claim 29 recites a solder resist layer which comprises a polyphenylene ether resin. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 and 29 are not identical.

**IV. Conclusion**

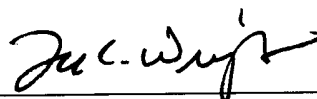
In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the objection to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

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Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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